

Knabb-Bieber Mill
1.7 miles north of Linskilln on Monocacy Creek,
Oley Township
Linskilln Vicinity
Berks County
Pennsylvania

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KNABB-BIEBER MILL

Location: Pennsylvania, Berks County, Limekiln Vicinity, Oley Township, 1.7 mi. N. of Limekiln on Monocacy Creek.

Present Owner: Effinger K. Bieber

Present Use: Mainly as feed storage barn.

Brief Statement of Significance: A good example of a large stone mill with two fine doorways.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Built for John Knabb, whose name and the date 1809 are painted in the gable of the hood over the left door. In "repaired condition" and operated by Daniel Bieber in 1886 (M. L. Montgomery). It is sometimes called Beaver's Mill, a translation of Bieber's Mill.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The Knabb-Bieber Mill is a square stone building of two stories in front and three stories at the back due to the slope of the land, with a gable roof and hooded tackle beam over the loft door.

The fabric is in good condition, and the mill machinery in working order. The exterior woodwork is in need of paint.

The mill is approximately twenty-five by thirty-five feet. The walls and foundation are stone. There are two very handsome pedimented doorways, one on the northwest side leading into the first floor, and one on the southeast side which opens into the cellar or ground floor. These two doorways have arched openings framed by pilasters. These are refinements not ordinarily found on mills.

The windows are small, double hung sash of six over six panes. There are no shutters.

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The roof is a simple, uninterrupted gable now covered with sheet metal roofing.

The mill is situated on a slope with the mill pond and mill race to the southeast, and the road and loading doors to the northwest.

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